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Our USSVI Creed

To perpetuate the memory of our shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country. That their dedication, deeds and supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation towards greater accomplishments. Pledge loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America and its Constitution.

In addition to perpetuate the memory of our shipmates, we shall provide a way for all submariners to gather for the mutual benefit and enjoyment. Our common heritage as submariners shall be strengthened by camaraderie.

Lost Boats – March and April

USS F-4 (SS-23) (Skate) 03/25/1915 - 19

USS Perch (SS-176) 03/03/1942 - 8

USS Triton (SS-201) 03/15/1943 - 74

USS Kete (SS-369) 03/20/1945 - 87

USS Pickerel (SS-177) 04/03/1943 - 74

USS Snook (SS-279) 04/08/1945 - 84

USS H-1 (SS-28) (Seawolf) 03/12/1920 - 4

USS Grampus (SS-207) 03/05/1943 - 71

USS Tullibee (SS-284) 03/26/1944 - 79

USS Trigger (SS-237) 03/28/1945 - 89

USS Grenadier (SS-210) 04/22/1943 - 4

USS Thresher (SSN-593) 04/10/1963 - 129

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OUR BIRTHDAY BOYS



MARCH

Don Scott, 9th
Dan Lee, 11th
Steve Marquis, 12th
John Johnson, 15th
Pat Rowen, 17th
Ken Tibesar 27th
Greg Cottoon, 20th

APRIL

Jack Gabler, 1st
Steve Ludwig, 1st
Tom Bullinger, 7th
Todd Holms, 8th
Tom Wilcox, 8th
Don McCauley, 21st
Brad Gawboy, 23rd
Charles Frisinger, 24th
Angus Semple, 28th
Dale Steinke, 29th



BASE COMMANDER'S CORNER page 1

On Monday, March 15th at 12:00 PM the USS Minneapolis/St. Paul Base will cast off the mooring lines for the first time in over a year.

It has been a long time in dry dock and we will still have to be careful to comply with some restrictions. We have many things in the works so I hope to see all of you soon. We are looking for a new MAA. See E-Board Notes below.

Our first port of call will be the Holland Club Breakfast/Base Meeting on **Saturday, April 3 at 9:00 AM. See page 6**

June will be our normal meeting at **David Fong's on the 5th at 12:00**. We will need a few members to help move our gear from the VFW to Fong's sometime before the meeting.

August brings us to the Annual Picnic at the Veterans Campground Marine on the St. Croix. **Date and Time to be determined.**

October we are gathering at the Old Log Theater for a luncheon and to see the comedy "The Play That Goes Wrong". *See the article below.*

The COB of the Mini Minnesota/St. Paul has been busy contacting event planners to set up this year's schedule. Most of the venues have been on hold with their registrations and planning. As more information comes in it will be posted on our website minneapolisubvets.com. Please come out and support these events because it's a great way to find new members and you can have some fun at the same time.

I hope everyone is ready to test your sea-legs.

John Barnes, Base Commander



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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Because of the 1 year of non-activity of the base the board with one exception will start our year of service in April unless anyone has an objection. If there is an objection we will conduct an election at a later date.

David Andersen is stepping down as the base Master at Arms. David has been an active board member in most of the jobs since he joined the base and would help train in his successor. The base handbook defines the position as:

“The duties of the Master at Arms shall include, but not be limited to, locating and determining meeting locations and related business, and maintaining the good of the Organization and serve on the Executive Board.”

The base has not had a Storekeeper for some time. We would like to see some new faces fill these two positions to help keep fresh ideas flowing. Please consider joining us to make this a good year.

Please contact me if you wish to serve or have any questions.

2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Commander:	John Barnes
Vice Commander:	Ken Tibesar
Secretary:	David Harms
Treasurer:	Jack Fay
COB:	Steve Marquis
MAA:	Open
Past Commander:	Andy Anderson

Chaplain (appointed): Joel Bergstrom

Librarian (appointed): Joel Bergstrom

Storekeeper (appointed): open

HOLLAND CLUB BREAKFAST & MEETING

The Minneapolis/St. Paul Base of the USSVI is coming out of drydock after a year-long pause. Please join us on:

Saturday the 3rd of April for our 2020-21 Holland Club Breakfast.

Place: VFW Post 1350 2483 7th Ave. E St. Paul **Time:** 9:00 AM Breakfast at 10:00

All base members and family are welcome to attend the induction of the 2020 & 2021 Classes of Holland Club and Commodores members.

We will follow all COVID-19 guidelines placed on the VFW in effect on that day.

This is a free Navy breakfast:

Orange juice, Milk, Coffee
Hard-boiled eggs
Creamed chipped beef on toast
Navy baked beans
Corn bread muffins with honey butter
Fresh fruit

A very brief meeting will follow the ceremony. You may bring a treat to share after the event so it will feel like Christmas



You must register by March 25th because we need to have a count of those attending to make sure we have enough food on hand. Anyone showing up without a reservation will be welcome but will be served last.

Contact MAA David Anderson awildwolff662@yahoo.com or 952-818-0185

What is the Holland Club?

Any Regular Member who has been designated "Qualified in Submarines" for fifty (50) years or more and who is a member in good standing is eligible to become a member of the "Holland Club" within the organization.

The Holland Club was named after John Philip Holland, an engineer who developed the first submarine to be formally commissioned by the U.S. Navy.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings Shipmates,

Please begin with a word of prayer.

Dear Lord, we come to you today as a thankful people for all your many blessings. May what will be accomplished in the times ahead be helpful to each of us, to our organization, and also to our country. Help us to be mindful of those in our number who are unable to be with us. Place your hand of healing upon the sick and comfort those who mourn. Bless us each individually and collectively as we endeavor to do your will. And Lord as we journey on, we pray for those who have no one to pray for them. We especially pray for the homeless, the hungry, the oppressed and ignored veterans. Wrap them in your arms of comfort and love. Amen

As I copied the prayer for what would have normally been our April meeting, I can't help but think of how it ties in with the Lenten theme. We are asked to be thankful, but we are also asked to respond to the bad news that the Covid-19 has brought us. I am thankful to have been vaccinated as I hope most of you have, and now it's time to help others where we can.

As you may have heard, the base has scheduled the Holland Club breakfast for April 3rd. That's on a Saturday so I hope you all can make it. George St Martin is making the breakfast again and it's always been good in the past. Let David Anderson know that you are coming.

See the list of Lost Boats on Page 1

Closing Prayer

We pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will flow through all Submariners,
That the grace of God will renew them.

That the Love of God will pursue them today, tomorrow, and all of life's tomorrows and may we be born tenderly in the palm of the Almighty till time shall be no more. Amen

Quotes:

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." *Arthur Schopenhauer*

"Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship.

"One act of obedience is better than one hundred sermons." *Dietrich Bonhoeffer (a Lutheran pastor who was hanged by the Nazis in a concentration camp in April 1945.)*

On Eternal Patrol: Wallace (Wally) Morrisette passed away on February 24th, 2021. No other information is available.

Joel Bergstrom, Base Chaplain

RESCHEDULED OCTOBER OLD LOG THEATER

THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

We are thrilled to present a new comedy “The Play that Goes Wrong” that will have your guests laughing. What a better way to open!

We are confirming a reservation for your group **Minneapolis Submarine Base** for 60 guests on **Sunday, October 3, 2021 for a 12noon lunch and a 2pm performance at our old price of \$57.20 per person.**

Lunch will begin at 12Noon and our performance will be at 2:00pm with doors to the theater opening at 1:30pm

Your guests will have a choice of lunches which we will be getting from you along with a final head count 2 weeks prior to your event:

- Bone-out Short Rib with mashed potatoes, green beans and au jus
- Chicken Breast with roasted red potatoes, green beans and a sherry cream sauce.
- Vegetarian pasta. Made with house marinara and fresh vegetables.

Below below is a description of the show.:

New York and London’s award-winning smash comedy!

Called **“the funniest play Broadway has ever seen” (The Huffington Post) and “A Gut-Busting Hit! (The New York Times)**, this classic murder mystery is chock-full of mishaps and madcap mania. Welcome to opening night of The Murder at Haversham Manor, where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disastrous. With an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can’t play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines), it’s **“comic gold” (Variety)** sure to bring down the house.

For your information here is a great link for you to get a sense of what **The Play that Goes Wrong** is all about <https://youtu.be/DOWO4gq-whq> (There are a lot of ads on this site so click on “skip ads”)

Editor’s note: I could not stop laughing at the preview and I’m looking forward to the event!